The newspaper report is misleading as the amount of Demands in litigation at the end of July, 2002 was Rs. 41,296.63 crores and not Rs. 60,000 crores as reported in the news item. The Demands disputed before Commissioner (Appeals) amounted to Rs. 34,796.93 crores on 1.4.2002, which has come down to Rs. 29,531.25 crores on 30.9.2002.

(d) There is no substantial issue raised in the newspaper report requiring specific action by the Government. The Tax Demands in Arrears are being liquidated by the Income Tax Department as per the Statutory Provisions and Administrative Instructions in this regard.

Recommendation of Tenth Finance Commission

†1979. SHRI LALU PRASAD:
PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tenth Finance Commission had prepared an alternative plan for revenue transfer to States according to which States were supposed to get 33 per cent of the gross Central tax receipts;

(b) whether it is also fact that the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of the then Chief Minister of Rajasthan had also made recommendations in this regard; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, whether Government would make payment of 33 per cent to the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (c) The Tenth Finance Commission recommended an alternative Scheme of Devolution of Central Taxes to the States. The scheme envisaged that 26% share in the gross proceeds of all Central Taxes be assigned to the States in lieu of existing share in Income Tax and Basic and Special Excise Duties and Grants in lieu of Tax on Railway passenger fares. In addition, 3% share in the gross proceeds of all Central Taxes was to be assigned to the States in lieu of existing share in Additional Excise Duties.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The Government accepted the Alternative Scheme of Devolution of share in Central Taxes, with certain modifications. Constitutional amendment was accordingly carried out through the Eightieth Amendment.

Inquiry against companies

†1980. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Company Affairs has conducted an inquiry into the irregularities of various companies during, 2000, 2001 and the last 9 months of 2002;

(b) if so, the names of companies against whom such inquiry has been conducted during the above period;

(c) the details of complaints against each of the companies; and

(d) the names of companies which have been found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Inspection under Section 209A of the Companies Act, 1956 and scrutiny of Accounts/documents of the companies are part of the regular activities of the Department. Number of inspections ordered and prosecutions filed as an outcome of both inspection and scrutiny of accounts/documents, during the last three financial years are as under:

Financial year	Inspections ordered	Prosecutions filed
1999-2000	192	10707
2000-2001	305	9187
2001-2002	194	8334

Part-time employees in SBI

1981. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of part-time employees working presently in SBI and its associate banks in Delhi, bank-wise;

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